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FOR BACKGROUND YOUR MEETING WITH MOBUTU AND POSSIBLE
DISCUSSION OF JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION REQUEST, YOU SHOULD
BE AWARE PUBLICITY JUST GIVEN U.S. SURVEY OF SAUDI
ARABIAN MILITARY NEEDS. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF UPI REPORT
PRINTED WASHINGTON POST OCTOBER 19: QUOTE,

THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID YESTERDAY MILITARY EXPERTS HAVE
COMPLETED A SURVEY OF PROSPECTIVE MILITARY EQUIPMENT
NEEDS OF SAUDI ARABIA OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS BUT NO
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COMMITMENTS OR DEALS HAVE BEEN MADE.

DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ROBERT ANDERSON DENIED A REPORT THAT SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER HAD DEVELOPED A "SECRET PLAN" TO SELL SAUDI ARABIA BILLIONS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF ARMS DURING THE NEXT 10 YEARS IN RETURN FOR AN AGREEMENT BY KING FAISAL TO HELP BRING OIL PRICES DOWN. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, DENY THAT RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE U.S. STUDY GROUP MIGHT LEAD TO A DEAL OF THE MAGNITUDE MENTIONED IN THE REPORT. THERE WILL BE A MEETING SOMETIME BEFORE THE MIDDLE OF NOVEMBER IN SAUDI ARABIA BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THAT

COUNTRY AND THE UNITED STATES TO TALK ABOUT SECURITY MATTERS.

ANDERSON SAID THE UNITED STATES HAD MADE NO COMMITMENTS OR DEALS. HE ADDED THAT NO ONE COULD TELL AT THIS POINT WHETHER THE SAUDI ARABIANS WOULD ACCEPT ANY OR ALL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE U.S. REPORT. HE DECLINED TO TALK ABOUT ANY SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN MADE. UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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